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Beaver Fire Emergency Closure Area Reduced

YREKA, Calif., Sept. 5, 2014 – The Beaver Fire Emergency Closure Area has been reduced effective today, Sept. 5, 2014. This opens for public use approximately 25,000 acres or 39 square miles of National Forest land, in addition to the approximately 50,000 acres reopened on Aug. 20, 2014. Fire officials with the Klamath National Forest decided to amend the closure order because the Beaver Fire is now 100% contained and significant progress has been made on road and suppression repair work. The southern boundary of the closure area will remain in place; however the northern, eastern and western boundaries of the closure area have been altered. Please visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/4036/> for full closure order details and maps of closure areas.

Additionally, Curly Jack Campground on the west side of Happy Camp along Hwy 96 was reopened on Sept. 4, 2014, and the Pacific Crest Trail from Seiad, CA to the Oregon state line was reopened on Aug. 20, 2014.

Many roads, trails and lands within and adjacent to the Happy Camp and July Complexes, as well as the Beaver Fire, are still closed to protect public and firefighter safety. This includes the section of the Pacific Crest Trail from Shelly Fork north to Seiad Valley that falls within a closure area. Firefighters are continuing work to control these fire incidents. Due to the sizes of these fires and persistent drought conditions, they are not likely to be declared controlled until there is a significant change in weather that provides for diminished fire activity. This directly affects when closure areas may be reduced in size. It is important to note that approximately 75 percent of the 1.7 million acre Klamath National Forest remains open for public use.

These temporary closures are meant to protect the safety of everyone during current wildfire suppression efforts. It is unsafe to be near wildfires due to unpredictable changes in wind, rolling fire debris, poor visibility and narrow roads busy with emergency vehicle traffic. Only fire personnel are allowed to go into or be upon National

Forest land within emergency closure areas. Forest visitors are encouraged to seek alternative destinations. As conditions change, the Klamath National Forest will continue to update these closure areas.

The Klamath National Forest currently has 14 campgrounds, 13 water access sites and many miles of trails remain open for public use. For help in planning a trip to the Klamath National Forest, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/> or call Klamath National Forest Headquarters: 530-842-6131; Goosenest Ranger District: 530-398-4391; Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District: 530-398-4391; Salmon/Scott River Ranger District: 530-468-5351.

Campgrounds closed by emergency closure orders include:

- Grider Campground
- Fort Goff Campground
- Indian Scotty Campground and Group Camp
- Norcross Trailhead and Campground
- Sulphur Springs Campground
- Beaver Creek Campground
- Lovers Camp Trailhead and Campground
- Mule Bridge Trailhead and Campground
- Idlewild Campground
- Sarah Totten Campground
- Grider Creek Campground
- O'Neil Campground

River Access Sites closed by emergency closure orders include:

- Sluice Box
- Portuguese Bar
- Seattle Creek
- China Point
- Gordon's Ferry
- Chamber's Flat
- Wingate Bar
- Ferry Point
- Independence
- Sugar Pine
- Townsend Gulch
- Gold Flat
- Tompkins
- Bridge Flat
- Jones Beach

There are also several full trails and sections of trails closed by emergency closure orders. Please review maps of closures for more details.

For additional information about fire activity, please call the Klamath National Forest Fire Information Line at 530-841-4541 or visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>.

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